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In re application of: **Hisami IBARAKI**

Serial Number: **Not Yet Assigned**
(§ 371 of international application No. PCT/JP01/05951)

Filed: March 6, 2002

For: **PRIORITY DETERMINATION DEVICE, PRIORITY DETERMINING METHOD, AND PRIORITY DETERMINATION PROGRAM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 6, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 6 to read as follows,

6. (Amended) The priority determination device according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said operation unit comprises a speech recognition operation unit that performs a speech recognition operation.

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REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the event there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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